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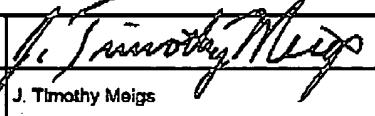
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Applicant: GUARINO, et al.

Title: COVALENTLY ATTACHED COLLAGEN VI FOR CELL
ATTACHMENT AND PROLIFERATION

Application. No.: 10/660,781

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Examiner: AFREMOVA, VERA

Art Unit: 1651

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, dated June 17, 2005, the period of response being one (1) month, Applicant elects claim Group I (claims 1, 2, 13-16 and 5-12 (depending on claim 1)) without traverse.

In response to the Examiner's requirement that Applicant elect a single disclosed species that is one of the CAR materials cited in claim 5, Applicant elects hyaluronic acid (HA) without traverse. All of the Group I claims (claims 1, 2, 13-16 and 5-12 (depending on claim 1)) are believed to read on this elected species. Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner that MPEP § 809.02(a) requires that "upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141."

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Applicant also respectfully reminds the Examiner that MPEP § 821.04 (the section on Rejoinder) requires that "if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined." MPEP § 821.04 further states: "Where the application as originally filed discloses the product and the process for making and/or using the product, and only claims directed to the product are presented for examination, when a product claim is found allowable, applicant may present claims directed to the process of making and/or using the patentable product by way of amendment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121."

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due. However, if necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1666. Applicant expressly reserves the right to the non-elected subject matter including the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter as now embraced in the non-elected subject matter. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,



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